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## SUMMER SIZZLE!

*Keep your cool this summer and ride Tri-Rail to three of South Florida's greatest water parks!*

#### GRAPELAND WATER PARK, MIAMI

Take Tri-Rail to the Miami Airport Station, and get onboard Miami-Dade Transit Route 37 southbound to arrive at Grapeland Water Park. Contact Grapeland Water Park by calling 305-960-2950.

#### TROPICAL SPLASH AT CENTRAL BROWARD REGIONAL PARK, LAUDERHILL

Take Tri-Rail to the Ft. Lauderdale Station. Board the Tri-Rail Shuttle Bus Route FL 1 in the direction of the Broward County Transit Bus Terminal. At the Broward County Transit Bus Terminal, transfer onto BCT Route 40 to arrive at Central Broward Regional Park. Call 954-321-1170 for additional information.

#### RAPIDS WATER PARK, WEST PALM BEACH

Take Tri-Rail to the Mangonia Park Station. Transfer onto Palm Tran Route 31 northbound to Military Trail. Pick up Palm Tran Route 3 northbound to the Rapids Water Park (bus lets passengers off right in front of the attraction). For more information, call 561-842-8756.



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The latest news from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority - a partnership between Broward, Miami-Dade & Palm Beach counties.

## FARES INCREASE BY 25 PERCENT ON JUNE 1

It was 14 years in the making, but at the April 24, 2009 meeting of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Governing Board a 25 percent increase in fares was approved for all ticket types, effective June 1. The subject of fare increases had been a topic of discussion among the Governing Board for more than a year. When the other transportation agencies in the region, including Broward County Transit, Miami-Dade Transit and Palm Tran, raised their fares last year, the Governing Board rejected the idea to increase fares on Tri-Rail.

This year, however, faced with anticipated funding cuts, an increase in operations costs resulting from increased service and a need to recoup more of the costs of operating trains from the fares passengers pay, there was no choice but to approve an increase. The raise in fares will be the first increase since 1995.

"Tri-Rail fares have been, and continue to be, among the lowest of any commuter rail system in the nation," according to SFRTA Executive Director Joseph Giulietti.

Comparable systems such as Virginia Railway Express in Virginia, Sound Transit in Seattle and the Coaster in San Diego charge upwards of \$150 to \$200, or more, for a monthly pass. A recent study by the American Public Transportation Association, found that a family can save \$8,600 a year by giving up one car and turning to mass transit instead.

"We still believe that our passengers will find that choosing Tri-Rail for their commute will provide them with significant savings over the cost of driving," said Giulietti.

Monthly fares will increase to \$100, with the Employer Discount Program Monthly Ticket discounted at \$75. For complete fare information, log onto [www.tri-rail.com](http://www.tri-rail.com), and access the "New Fares Effective June 1" banner. For additional information, please contact Tri-Rail's Customer Service Team at 1-800-TRI-RAIL.

## LOS BOLETOS AUMENTAN UN 25 PORCIENTO EL 1° DE JUNIO

Tomó 14 años, pero durante la reunión de la Junta Ejecutiva de la Autoridad de Transporte Regional del Sur de la Florida el 24 de Abril del 2009, se aprobó un aumento para todos los tipos de boletos de un 25%, efectivo el 1° de Junio. El tema del aumento del boleto ha sido un tópico que se ha discutido entre los miembros de la Junta Ejecutiva por más de un año. Cuando las otras agencias de

transporte de la región, incluyendo el Broward County Transit, el Miami-Dade Transit y Palm Tran, aumentaron sus boletos el año pasado, la Junta Ejecutiva rechazó la idea de aumentar los boletos del Tri-Rail.

Sin embargo este año, enfrentados con recortes de fondos estatales, un aumento en los costos operacionales resultado de un aumento del servicio y la necesidad de recuperar más de los costos de operar los trenes de los boletos que pagan los pasajeros, no hubo otra opción más que aprobar un aumento. Este aumento de los boletos será el primero desde 1995.

"Los boletos del Tri-Rail han sido y continúan siendo uno de los más bajos de los sistemas de tren suburbano de la Nación" de acuerdo a Joseph Giulietti, Director Ejecutivo de la SFRTA.

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Otros sistemas comparables como el Virginia Railway Express en Virginia, el Sound Transit en Seattle y el Coaster en San Diego cobran arriba de \$150 a \$200 dólares o más por un pase mensual. Un estudio reciente de la Asociación Americana de Transporte Publico, descubrió que una familia puede ahorrar \$8,600 al año si deja de usar un auto y en su lugar usa el sistema de tránsito masivo.

“Nosotros aún creemos que nuestros pasajeros encontrarán que elegir el Tri-Rail para ir al trabajo les proveerá ahorros significativos comparados con el costo de manejar,” de acuerdo Giulietti

Los boletos mensuales aumentarán a \$100, con el Boleto Mensual del Programa de Descuento para Empresas rebajado a \$75. Para información completa sobre el aumento de boletos, entre al [www.tri-rail.com](http://www.tri-rail.com) y seleccione el campo “New Fares Effective June 1, 2009 (Precios Nuevos en Efecto el 1º de Junio)”. Para más información, por favor comuníquese con el Equipo de Servicio al Cliente al 1-800-TRI-RAIL.

## OGMANTASYON TARIF YO PA 25 POUSAN KOUMANSE 1YE JEN

**S**a te pran 14 lane anvan pou yo deside l, men pandan reyinyon 24 avril 2009 la, Konsèy Administrasyon Ajans Tranpò Rejyonal nan Sid Leta Florid apwouve yon ogmantasyon tariff tout tikèt pa 25 pousan, koumanse 1ye jen. Siyè ogmantasyon tariff yo t ap diskite pami manm Konsèy Administrasyon an depi plis pase yon lane. Alòske lòt ajans transpò nan rejyon an,ikonpri Transpò Piblik Konte Broward ak Transpò Piblik Miami-Dade ak Palm Tran te ogmante tarif yo lane pase, Konsèy Administrasyon a pa t dakò pou ogmante tariff tren Tri-Rail yo.

Ane sa a, poutèt nou kwè yo pral koupe nan finansman nou konn resewva yo, yonogmantasyon nan kou oswa nan depans fonksyonman nou poutèt nou ogmante sèvis

nou ofri yo, ansham ak nesesite pou nou kouvri pifò depans nou angaje pouf è tren nou yo fonksyone apati tarif pasaje yo peye, nou pa t gen lòt chwa posib men pou nou te dakò pou fè ogmantasyon sa a. Se premye ogmantasyon tarif depi 1995.

« Tarif Tri-Rail yo se, e yo kontinye rete, pami tarif ki pi ba nan tout sistèm transpò chemen dfè ale-retou nan tout peyi a», selon Direktè Egzekitif SFRTA, Joseph Giulietti.

Sistèm ki konparab ak pa nou an tankou Transpò ferovyè rapid Vijinya (Virginia Railway Express) nan Leta Virginia, Transpò Piblik Sound nan vil Seattle ak Transpò Piblik Kotyè (Coaster) nan San Diego chaje ant \$150 a \$200 oswa plis pou yon kat abònman (pass) mansyèl. Gen yon etid Asosyasyon Transpò Piblik Ameriken ki sòti toulòtjou ki endike yon fanmi kapab economize jiska \$8,600 pa ane si li itilize transpò piblik pase pou li sèvi ak machin.

« Nou kontinye kwè pasaje nou yo pral reyalize lè yo chwazi tren Tri-Rail yo pou fè trajè ale-retou yo sa pèmèt yo fè gwo ekonomi sou depans pou kondwi yon machin chak jou », selon Giulietti.

Tarif mansyèl la pral ogmante rive \$100, grasa Tikè mansyèl Pwogram Anplwayè a yo redwi a \$75. Si w bezwen plis enfòmasyon osiyè tarif yo, konekte w sou [www.tri-rail.com](http://www.tri-rail.com), ale nan pati a ki endike « Nouvo tariff koumanse 1ye jen » (New Fares Effective June 1). Pou kapab jwenn enfòmasyon siplemantè, tanpri kontakte Sèvis kliyantèl Tri-Rail nan nimewo 1-800-TRI-RAIL.

## CITY COUNTY CREDIT UNION SEES “GREEN” IN TRI-RAIL

**C**ity County Credit Union has partnered with Tri-Rail and Comcast for their “Green Way to Go” campaign, which offers consumers the chance to win a getaway for two to Yosemite National Park by registering at [www.tri-rail.com](http://www.tri-rail.com), “Green Getaway.”

CCCU will give consumers the opportunity to go green, and save some green, by opening a membership with CCCU now through June 30, 2009 and receiving a complimentary Monthly Tri-Rail ticket (\$100 value).

“We view Tri-Rail as a valuable resource for our members,” said Tom Glickman, director of business development for CCCU. “This partnership is a great way to showcase CCCU’s support of public transportation and further demonstrate our mission to provide great member benefits.”

Banking with CCCU is easy, plus you enjoy great benefits such as affordable rates on car and home loans, free financial planning services, member discounts, credit-rebuilding assistance and more. To learn how you can become a member of CCCU and receive your free Tri-Rail Monthly Ticket, call 954-745-2400 or visit [www.citycountycu.org](http://www.citycountycu.org) to find the location nearest you.



## SAVE YOUR MONEY. SAVE YOUR PLANET.

**I**n these tough economic times, everyone is looking to save money whenever, and wherever, they can. Next month, the American Public Transportation Association and transit systems across the country will celebrate the fourth annual National “Dump the Pump” day on Thursday, June 18, 2009. The day is designed to encourage people to get out of their cars and ride public transportation to raise awareness of transit’s financial benefits. Locally, Tri-Rail will partner with Broward County Transit, the Florida Department of Transportation, Miami-Dade Transit, Palm Tran and South Florida Commuter Services in the effort to demonstrate that public transportation saves people money, conserves gasoline and reduces the harmful greenhouse gases emitted into our environment. For more information on how you can “Dump the Pump,” call 1-800-234-RIDE or visit [www.1800234RIDE.com](http://www.1800234RIDE.com).



Lauderdale and Tri-Rail. After a series of randomly selected words, Arthur Kaufman of Oakland Park won the spelling bee by correctly spelling the word “poltergeist” and was presented with a \$1,000 check by Melissa Milroy, marketing director for the Galleria at Fort Lauderdale (pictured above).

More than 100 spectators came out to witness the competition, which was created to help promote literacy and the importance of living green. In addition, the “Big People Spelling Bee” raised nearly \$1,300 to benefit Reach Out and Read-Broward, a program encouraging reading and providing books for more than 18,000 children at pediatric offices throughout Broward County.

## WHO W-O-N THE BEE?

**L**ast month, more than 50 adults from the South Florida area, ages 21 and over, competed for a \$1,000 grand prize in the “Big People Spelling Bee” presented by The Galleria at Fort



## SAFETY IN NUMBERS!

**T**he South Florida Regional Transportation Authority joined forces with Operation Lifesaver for another successful Train Safety Awareness Week during April 19 – 25, 2009. Officers from approximately 20 different law enforcement agencies from North Palm Beach to Miami joined staff members and volunteers from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority/Tri-Rail, Amtrak, the Federal Railroad Administration, the Florida Department of Transportation, Operation Lifesaver and the Wackenhut Corporation in distributing information about train safety, as well as state statutes governing the operation of motor vehicles at highway-rail grade crossings.

Volunteers handed out more than 12,000 flyers and brochures, while law-enforcement officers handed out more than 1,000 citations and warnings to willful violators (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists, alike). Additionally, 30 officers from the Broward County Sheriff’s Office School Resource Program made approximately 215 train-safety presentations reaching more than 5,000 students.

The Operation Lifesaver message, “Look, Listen & Live,” was certainly heard throughout Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties, as



approximately three-million people received the message through a combination of electronic message board announcements, visible law-enforcement participation, school presentations, volunteers and news media reports. We applaud and thank everyone who took the time to help spread the word and for those of you who listened to our message!

Even after Train Safety Awareness Week is over, the educational process will continue. Operation Lifesaver presenters are available to schedule appearances in schools and throughout the community. These presentations can be tailored to any age and are available in English or Spanish. For more information about Operation Lifesaver, you can log onto [www.oli.org](http://www.oli.org). To schedule a presentation, please contact Florida’s Operation Lifesaver Coordinator Annette Lapkowski at 850-414-4541 or [www.floridaol.org](http://www.floridaol.org).